

Torrance, California  
June 16, 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, June 16th., 1931, and was called to order at 7:45 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Trustees were present: Trustees: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

Absent: Trustees: None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the minutes of the adjourned regular meeting of June 15th., 1931, be adopted.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett read a communication signed by (14) citizens of the North Lomita section proposed to be annexed to Torrance, in which petition it was stated that they had paid into the County in taxes certain amounts of money to be used for street improvements and that no work had been done, and that it was desired that the City Council endeavor through Supervisor Quinn to have this money used as was intended.

Mayor Dennis stated that several of the signers to the petition had talked with him about the matter, that they were not expecting the City of Torrance to spend any money, simply desired that the Council help them out with the County Supervisors if it was possible.

Trustee Steiner moved that the petition be complied with.

Trustee Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A request from the audience was made that a permit be issued an auto wrecking business on a lot belonging to James Lewis at the Northeast corner of Hawthorne Avenue and Newton Street in WALTERIA.

An oral protest was made by a gentleman in the audience residing near the location of the proposed wrecking yard, against the issuance of a permit on the ground that a wrecking yard would be unsightly and would depreciate values in that section.

After some discussion on this question, Trustee Nelson moved that the application be rejected.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.

NOES: " None.

ABSENT: " None.

Hearing of protests, reference removal of oil derrick from Lot 6, Block 12, Tract No. 4070, was taken up.

Mr. D. E. Buyers representing the Bald Eagle Oil Company, owners of the derrick stated that Mr. Brown was unable to attend the meeting and that the derrick had been put in safe condition as required by City Engineer and referred the matter to City Engineer Leonard, who stated that changes had been made in the derrick as requested by him, that it was perfectly safe at the present time but that the under pinning at one corner of the derrick would have to be strengthened before actual work of drilling the well could be started. The City Engineer called the Councils attention to the ordinance requiring that a watchman be on duty.

This matter was discussed. The representative of the Oil Company stated that they would soon be at work on the well and in the meantime they had a watchman on duty who lived across the street from the derrick.

A communication from Mr. George E. Brown, President of the Bald Eagle Oil Company was read, in which was promised that necessary changes would be made to strengthen the derrick and that the Bald Eagle Oil Company would hold the City of Torrance free from any damage caused by any accidents due to improper condition of the derrick.

Trustee Steiner moved that the request of the Bald Eagle Oil Company for an extension of (90) days time be granted, with a continuation of this hearing to September 15th., 1931, and at the expiration of that time if work is not started the derrick will be demolished.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

Attorney Briney read:

RESOLUTION NO. 500.

VACATING, ABANDONING AND CLOSING UP OF CERTAIN STREETS  
 AND ALLEYS IN TRACT NO. 10321, TORRANCE.

Trustee Steiner moved that Resolution No. 500 be adopted.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis,  
 NOES: " None.  
 ABSENT: " None.

X Mayor Dennis stated that part of the Council requested that Mr. Beebe of O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, be asked to meet with the Council and talk over the status of the Water Suit, and that if this is agreeable a time should be set for a meeting.

Mayor Dennis was requested to make arrangements for such meeting with Mr. Beebe.

With reference to the extension of Prairie Avenue, Attorney Briney reported that he had arranged for a meeting with a committee from that section for June 26th., 1931, here in the Council Chambers.

Attorney Briney reported with reference to Mr. Quandts franchise that he expected to see Mr. Quandt at the meeting tonight and make another request based on a defect in the Ordinance granting him his franchise, and that was that the notice calling for bids on the franchise did not call for a roddage bid, and did not give notice to bidder that a minimum of \$1.00 per rod would be required for the installation of pipe lines under the franchise.

Trustee Bell introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 221.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 175 OF THE CITY OF  
 TORRANCE, (Re- Mr. Quandts Franchise.)

Trustee Bell introduced:

ORDINANCE NO. 222.

ACCEPTING ANNEXATION OF SOUTH TORRANCE.

Trustee Smith moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid.  
Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the  
following roll call vote:

AYES: TRUSTEES: Bell, Nelson, Smith, Steiner and Dennis.  
NOES: " None.  
ABSENT: " None.

Trustee Steiner moved that the meeting be adjourned to Wednesday,  
the 24th. of June, 1931, at 5: P. M.

Trustee Bell seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

A. H. Bartlett  
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John Dennis  
Mayor of the City of Torrance.